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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know why the Government are not prepared to furnish the information ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Because the recommendations made by the President of the District Board are of a confidential nature."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Under what rules or laws ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is very difficult to make recommendations when everybody is going to know every recommendation that is made."

Alleged delay in the payment of salaries to taluk boards teachers in the Salem and South Arcot.

* 1543 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the teachers in the service of the taluk boards of Salem and South Arcot are not paid their salaries regularly ;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the salaries are not paid even by the end of next month ;

(c) whether the Government will call for information from the teachers and the taluk boards and take necessary action against the delay in disbursement ; and

(d) whether the District Collectors of the respective districts or the Government have received any representation from the teachers of the taluk boards complaining about the late payment of salaries and what action was taken thereon ?

A.—(a) The Government received a report from the Director of Public Instruction stating that salaries to teachers were not paid promptly by the Sankari Taluk Board. They have no information in regard to the other taluk boards.

(b) In the case of the Sankari Taluk Board there has been a delay of a month in respect of some payments.

(c) The Government have called for information from the Presidents of the District Boards.

(d) The Government have not received any representations. They are not aware whether the Collectors of the concerned districts have received any. The information has been called for.

Principle underlying the nomination of minority and backward communities.

* 1544 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any principle or principles followed by the Government in the Local Self-Government Department in regard to the recognition and classification of communities as minorities and backward classes for the purpose of nominations to district boards and municipalities ?

A.—The Government have not attempted to classify backward or minority communities.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reason why Government have not attempted this very necessary task, necessary at least so long as nominations continue ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"It is a very difficult matter."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Is it also because nomination is going to be abolished ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Yes, that is so, Sir."

Municipalities

Public gardens in municipal areas in the Presidency.

*1545 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of public gardens in municipal areas ;

(b) by whom they are maintained ;

(c) at what cost ; and

(d) whether Government give any grant and if so, how much in cases where they are not maintained by themselves ?

A.—The Government have no information. No grant is admissible to public gardens maintained in municipalities.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether local bodies could spend money regarding public gardens ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether any contribution is made to the Corporation for keeping on public gardens ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I want notice."

Civil Justice

Working of the District Munsif's Court, Anantapur.

*1546 Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the Court of the District Munsif was established at Anantapur ;

(b) what has been the income to the Government from that court in each official year, since the location of that court ;

(c) what has been the expenditure on that court during the same period ; and

(d) when the Government propose to give to that court a permanent footing ?

A.—(a) & (d) The temporary District Munsif's Court, Anantapur, was established with effect from the 1st June 1927. The question of its permanent retention has been held over until such time as the volume of litigation may justify the creation of a third permanent District Munsif's Court for the district.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. OBI REDDI :—"May I know from the hon. Law Member whether the information would be called for ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No, Sir."